

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of:

Halterman, Frederick J.

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For: COVER ASSEMBLIES FOR IN-  
FLOOR FITTINGS

Examiner: Estrada, Angel

Group Art Unit: 2831

Confirmation No.: 9069

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT AFTER APPLICATION FILING DATE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following:

- \* A completed PTO form PTO/SB/08b.

**FEE DETERMINATION**

- \* A fee of \$180 is believed to be due because:  
The applicant(s) believe(s) that this statement and enclosures are being filed after the first Office Action mailed by the PTO.

## **FEE PAYMENT**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180 (to cover the Information Disclosure Statement Fee) and any additional fees which are presently required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

## **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION**

This paper and enclosures are believed to be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, based on the facts stated above.

This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the cited references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or §103. Applicant expressly retains the right to argue that any of the cited references are not indeed prior art or to take any actions necessary to remove any of the cited references from the available prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 10, 2007

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